Comprehensive Policy on Consumer Goods Industry

416. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER to pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a newsitem which appeared in the Indian Express dated January 1, 1993 under the caption "Comprehensive Policy on Consumer Goods urged"; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) Consumer goods cover a wide spectrum of industries falling in cottage and village industry sector, modern small scale sector and medium/large scale sector and are handled by different Ministries/Departments. Items like tobacco products, processed foods, soft drinks and beverages, sugar, edible oils, consumer durables like electrical and electronic goods, etc. required different policy measures and, therefore, there cannot be a uniform policy for consumer goods as a whole, covering issues like foreign equity participation, tax structure and reservation for Small Scale Units.

Sale of Equity of PSUs

417. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER to pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have proposed to sell 100 per cent equity of sick public sector undertakings;

(b) whether Government have identified such PSUs; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) No, Sir

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Export of SSI Production

418. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL: Will the PRIME MINISTER to pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to strengthen and upgrade the export of SSI's production; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) As per the Small Scale Industrial Policy announced on 6th August, 1991 the primary objective would be to impart more vitality and growth impetus to the sector to enable it to contribute its mite fully to the economy, particularly in terms of growth of output, employment and exports. In order to achieve these objectives, a series of measures have been initiated to strengthen and upgrade